## Gender in Energy/ Energy in Gender From Concept to Practice

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# "From Concept to Practice" Themes

- Tools-Why Reinvent the Wheel?
- Translation-Speaking the Same Language
- Process-Not Just "What" But "How"
- Example: African Women Leaders in Agriculture and Environment, ENERGIA, and GENES

#### Tools:

## Why reinvent the wheel if someone has developed an instruction manual?

African Women Leaders in Agriculture and Environment (AWLAE)

- a network of African women scientists and leaders committed to building the skills and influencing the formulation of policies more responsive to rural women's needs
- Components (3)

#### **Preparing Women Leaders**

- Academic Scholarships
- Leadership for Change- Two-Phase Training Programs
- Professional Development Support
- Program Linkage- with their institutions
- In-country and Pan-African Networks

### **AWLAE Components**

- Building an Enabling Professional Environment
  - Institutional Partnerships for gender-sensitive policies
  - Gender Training for policy and implementation
  - Male Focus Groups- to build support for professional women
  - Participation of Men in AWLAE Activities
  - Communications Task Forces/National Media Campaigns
- Creating Sustainable Mechanisms:
  - National Action Committees to sustain program components & encourage Professional Associations
  - Gender Centers computerized databases on professional women
  - Career Guidance Programs & Mentoring for girls and women
  - Electronic Learning Network (ELN)- Dialogue among AWLAE participants

## Translation: Speaking the Same Language

- Energy is rarely a major topic of discussion at gender events – or is it?
  - Health [light, sanitation, clinics, vaccinations, water heating]
  - Microenterprise [light, power, communications, time, transport]
  - Political decision-making [communications, time, transport]
  - Education [light, communications, time]
  - Violence prevention [light, communications]
  - Information and networking [communications, time]
  - Agricultural and environmental participation [power, time, transport]

# Translation: Speaking the Same Language

- Is translating gender and participation into energy even more difficult?
  - Beneficiary Assessment
  - PRA/RRA
  - Stakeholder Analysis
  - Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
  - SARAR (Self-esteem, Associative strength, Resourcefulness, Action planning, Responsibility)
- M. Rimberia on the AWLAE/Clean Energy translation experience
- K. Winkler on the GENES experience in Central America

### Process Matters: Not Just "What", but "How"

- Local ownership of activities and outcomes
- Outside intervention by invitation (demanddriven interventions)
- Ongoing Consultation
- Very Time Consuming! AWLAE planning involved over one year of consultation to develop basic program structure.
- Workshop deadlines, donor deadlines, etc. can be challenging for networks, programs, and projects.

## The ENERGIA/ Winrock Partnership in Africa

- Increasing energy's inclusion in gender institution activities
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- Borrowing and lending gender and energy tools
- Translating languages to identify joint opportunities
- Maximizing local ownership of process and outcomes

### The ENERGIA/ Winrock Partnership

Africa, Asia, Latin America

#### **Recent Africa Activity**

 March 2000 Gender and Energy Workshop, Nairobi

### (Process Matters!)

- ENERGIA and Network Partners as convener, organizer, and participants after pre-workshop consultative process
- AWLAE Nairobi staff as facilitator
- Winrock as co-sponsor; also offering perspectives on GENES approach

### The ENERGIA/ Winrock Partnership

#### Soon

- Collaboration on Durban "Workshop on Women in Energy" 11-12 December (Tools & Translation)
- "Gender/Clean Energy" outreach and training to African Development Bank, selected energy ministries, and other institutions (Tools & Translation)
- Improved communications tools for ENERGIA Africa Network Partners (Process Matters!)

## The ENERGIA/ Winrock Partnership Next Steps

### **Ongoing**

- Integration of energy into AWLAE projects and activities (Process Matters!)
- Deepening the ENERGIA Africa Network (Process Matters!)
- Institutionalization of the "AWLAE Energy Analogue" Concept
  - Tools
  - Translation
  - Process